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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford Motor Company submits the following information concerning a safety-compliance field action that it is voluntarily initiating.

573.5 (c)(2)

The affected vehicles include 2000 and 2001 MY Expeditions and Navigators, 2001 MY F150 Super Cabs, and 2001 MY Taurus and Sables built at the following Ford Motor Company assembly plants during the production periods shown.

2000/2001 Expedition & Navigator	Michigan Truck	3/30/99 through 9/21/00
2001 F150 SC	Norfolk Kansas City Ontario Truck Cuautlan	4/18/00 through 9/22/00
2001 Taurus/Sable	Atlanta Assembly Chicago Assembly	5/02/00 through 11/11/00

Because the vehicles are not produced in VIN order, information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-800-392-3673), or by contacting a local Ford or Lincoln Mercury dealer who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from OASIS computer system.

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Approximately 495,000 vehicles are involved in this action.

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All of these vehicles are affected.



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573.5 (c)(5)

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 225, paragraph S12, requires that written instructions with specified content be provided in the vehicle Owner Guide to describe the location and use of the tether anchorage and child restraint anchorage systems of the vehicle. The affected Expedition/Navigator Owner Guides do not identify the locations of seating positions equipped with tether anchorages, and do not provide instructions for securing child seats to these tether anchorages. The F150 SC Owner Guides do not provide the procedure for securing child seats to the tether anchorages. The Taurus/Sable Owner Guides do not identify the center rear seating position as having latch compatible lower anchorages. These Owner Guides, therefore, do not fully satisfy the "written instructions" requirements of Standard 225.

573.5 (c)(7)

Ford became aware of this condition during recent reviews of truck Owner Guides. A subsequent investigation of Owner Guides for all Ford's vehicles determined that the Expedition/Navigator, F150 SC, and Taurus/Sable, for the above identified model years, required revisions to fully satisfy the Standard 225 requirements concerning written instructions. All other applicable requirements of Standard 225 are satisfied in these vehicles.

573.5 (c)(8)

Ford is not aware of any allegations of accidents or injuries related to this condition. Owners of record of the affected vehicles will be notified of the condition on or about the week of January 2, 2001. They will be provided owner guide inserts revised to provide the required information, and instructions for affixing these inserts to their Owner Guides. Customers will also be advised that if they prefer, their dealer will affix the inserts to their Owner Guides. This service will be at no cost to the customer.

573.5 (c)(9)

Ford does not at this time plan to make a statement available to the media concerning the subject matter of this recall. Copies of the Notification letters to dealers and owners from Ford Customer Service Division will be forwarded to the agency when available.

573.5 (c)(11)

Ford has assigned campaign number 00L11 to this action.

Sincerely,


L. W. Camp

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